



# News Release

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## Workshop to Share Findings of the Charleston County Historical and Architectural Survey Update

*New South Associates, Inc. will provide the findings of the 2016 Charleston County Historical and Architectural Survey Update*

Charleston County and New South Associates (NSA), Inc. will host a public workshop on **Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at 6:30 PM** in Council Chambers, located at 4045 Bridge View Dr., North Charleston, SC 29405. At this meeting, NSA will provide an overview of the recently completed Historical and Architectural survey report, including a discussion of properties potentially eligible for the [National Register of Historic Places](#) (NRHP). Charleston County staff will also present how the report may be used in future historic preservation efforts. Citizens are encouraged to attend and ask questions about the survey report findings and next steps.

In 2015, the [Charleston County Zoning and Planning Department](#) was awarded a [Federal Historic Preservation Grant](#) from the National Park Service (administered by the South Carolina Department of Archives and History) to fund an update to the [Charleston County Historical and Architectural Survey](#) (last conducted in 1992). New South Associates (NSA), Inc., a cultural resources consulting firm, was hired to complete this project and spent the last six months identifying and surveying properties in unincorporated Charleston County that have historical or architectural significance.

For more information about the survey update and project timeline:

- [Facebook](#)
- Online: <http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/zoning-planning/projects-hpc.php>.
- Contact project staff at (843) 202-7203 or [planning@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:planning@charlestoncounty.org).

### ***\*What is a historic resource survey?***

A historic resource survey is the process of systematically identifying historic properties within the boundaries of a specific geographical area, documenting their location and physical characteristics, and evaluating their significance within an appropriate historical context.

### ***\*Why are historic resource surveys important to communities?***

Information produced through historic resource surveys serves many purposes. The [State Historic Preservation Office](#) (SHPO) uses survey information to identify properties eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. City, county, and regional planners use survey information to develop preservation management plans and in preparing comprehensive community plans. Economic development programs rely on survey information to attract investors to communities and to promote heritage tourism. Survey information provides educators, civic organizations, and interested citizens with a basis for learning about the history of their community and making decisions about the care of historic properties.

\*Source: [South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office](#)

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